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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application before examination, as set forth below.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 6, 10, 15 and 20 as follows:

6. (Amended) An electric machine comprising:

a commutator;

at least one brush; and

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a supply of oil lubricant for providing lubrication between the commutator and the at least one brush,

wherein the at least one brush contains the lubricant at least one of: (a) in or on a collector-side end face of the at least one brush, and (b) in or on a partial length of the at least one brush beginning at the collector-side end face of the at least one brush, wherein the brush has a plurality of grooves along the collector-side end face and wherein